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CONGRESSMAN O'BRIEN CONSIDERS ARTICLE ON COMMUNISM IN THE ISLAND INSULTING--

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Washington, January 29 (UPI). Congressman Leo W. O'Brien today described as insulting an article published in an-article a newspaper in which it is suggested that there is a parallel between Communist infiltration in Puerto Rico and the "terrorism of guerrilla fighters of the South Viet Nam type."

The New York Democrat referred to an article written by Marguerite Higgins of the magazine Newsday, and which was reproduced by the newspaper Evening Star. O'Brien said that South Viet Nam "is a ^{backward} nation whereas Puerto Rico is a civilized and very cultured place."

"It may be that Communist agents have infiltrated Puerto Rico" he said and predicted that "they would fail in their efforts". Puerto Rico will not be easily ruled by the Communists."

O'Brien criticised the article at a meeting of the Subcommittee House for Territorial Affairs in the Chamber of Representatives but indicated that "I am not attacking the press". He criticized press censorship and said that all those "incidents" which happened in Puerto Rico "should be made known".

"However they must be reported in perspective".

The much discussed article said that information reaching the Central Intelligence Agency prove that various Communist agents and guerrilla fighters--trained in Cuba by Chinese and Soviet agents who are expert in sowing terror--have recently infiltrated Puerto Rico".